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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: CIA/OPC Strategic Plan

I have reviewed the CIA/OPC Strategic Plan from the viewpoint of ensuring that the provisions of the plan are consistent with "military policies" and additionally of forming an opinion as to the propriety of the procedure of submitting the plan in its present form for the action of the PSB. I am not prepared to comment upon the detailed content of the intelligence estimates nor to express personal ideas as to details of organizational arrangements and assignment of tasks to the operational divisions.

*note* In my opinion the plan identifies the pertinent national objectives and is developed within the limits of applicable national policies as they presently exist. Specifically, I think the plan is responsive to the emphasis prescribed in NSC 10/5. However, I am conscious, as I know you and your assistants are, of the concern of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as reflected in the comments of the Chief of JSPD, that sufficient emphasis may not be placed upon the development of maximum potentialities in the event that war should be imminent. As long as Soviet forces enjoy their present estimated capabilities, and since Soviet intentions cannot accurately be predicted, the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have preponderant weight.

The strategic plan reflects a mean between terms imposed by existing NSC policy provisions and serious efforts in preparation for war. Our discussions have brought out that the nature of build-up for cold war operations and preparations for hot war in the critical European areas are almost identical. This development will and should be more apparent as the detailed operational plans are worked out. In these operational plans provisions which take into account Joint Chiefs of Staff concern should be spelled out and personnel and logistic requirements consistent therewith should be clearly established.

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Subject to the foregoing observations, I concur that the CIA/OPC Strategic Plan in its present general form is suitable for submission to the Psychological Strategy Board for its consideration and such modifications as may be indicated by the action which the Director Central Intelligence contemplates proposing to the Board.

(signed)  
John Magruder

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